

February 5, 2019

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ORDINANCE NO. 11621

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ADOPTION OF  
THE CITY OF TUCSON COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2015, the Pima Association of Governments adopted a Complete Streets Resolution encouraging “member jurisdictions to develop locally appropriate Complete Streets guidance or other policies and track performance measures for Complete Streets implementation;” and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, the Mayor and Council directed staff to move forward with the development of a Complete Streets Policy and on May 22, 2018, approved the Complete Streets Guiding Principles to serve as the basis for the policy; and

WHEREAS, mobility is a fundamental human right and it is a priority for the City of Tucson to create a transportation network where all people can choose from a variety of safe, comfortable, reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation options; and

WHEREAS, increasing walking, biking, and transit use through Complete Streets helps improve traffic safety, reduce traffic congestion, increase mobility options, stimulate economic development and support the local economy, encourage healthier lifestyles, foster more vibrant streets and livable neighborhoods, improve air quality, create a more sustainable street ecology, promote equity, and enhance the quality of life of all Tucsonans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tucson is committed to rebalancing its transportation network as streets are a public resource, and people walking, biking, using assisted

mobility devices, and taking public transit equally deserve safe transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, safety of the most vulnerable street users must be the highest priority because they are the most at risk; and

WHEREAS, providing Complete Streets will promote the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transportation riders particularly children, older adults, people of color, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Tucson has neighborhoods where one in three households do not have access to a personal vehicle which makes it difficult for families to travel to work, school, the grocery store, and to meet other daily needs; and

WHEREAS, investments in Complete Streets promote transportation equity for Tucson's most financially vulnerable households by providing affordable and reliable transportation options, reducing household transportation costs, and increasing access to social and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, encouraging people to walk, bicycle, and use public transit in Complete Streets saves energy resources, reduces air pollution, reduces emissions of global warming gases, creates opportunities to reduce the urban heat island effect, increases shade canopy, and better manages storm water; and

WHEREAS, integrating transportation and land use planning creates opportunities for transit-oriented development and walkable neighborhoods, giving people more choices for getting around the City; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets improve public health by encouraging active lifestyles integrating exercise into daily activities, and they improve public safety by reducing the risk of injuries and fatalities from traffic collisions for users of all modes of transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council adopt and approve the City of Tucson Complete Streets Policy, attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. In furtherance of the adopted policy, the various City Officers and staff are authorized and directed to prepare a Complete Streets Implementation Plan based on the fourteen (14) tasks outlined therein.

SECTION 3. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Ordinance.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, February 5, 2019.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REVIEWED BY:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY MANAGER

  
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